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WEB OR SHEET-FED APPARATUS HAVING HIGH-SPEED MECHANISM

FOR SIMULTANEOUS X, Y AND  $\theta$ 

REGISTRATION

Examiner: Clark F. Dexter

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the office action dated February 12, 2002, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 - 5 as follows:

(Amended) Apparatus for processing segments of a continuous flexible web

comprising:

a processing station including web processing components for carrying out an operation upon a segment of the web after the segment is initially fed to the processing station; a web feeder assembly for successively feeding a stretch of the web while under tension to said processing station for initial placement of said at least one segment of the web at the station, said assembly being operable to intermittently release tension on the stretch of the web while said at least one segment thereof is at the processing station;